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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, CH, US
 SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISON LABOR VIOLATIONS IN GUANGZHOU

REFS: (A) STATE 204153 *(B) STATE 19290*

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S AUGUST 16 EDITION REPORTS THAT AT LEAST THREE REEDUCATION CAMPS IN AND AROUND GUANGZHOU OPERATE ESSENTIALLY AS FACTORIES PRODUCING GOODS FOR EXPORT, SOME OF WHICH REACH THE U.S.

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 THE LENGTHY ARTICLE, WHICH WAS BASED LARGELY ON AN INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATE, NAMES THE GUANGZHOU NYLON KNITTING AND DYEING FACTORY, THE SANSHUI XIAN FARM, AND THE CHA TAU ISLAND CAMP. INMATES WHO HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP IN LOCAL VICE CRACKDOWNS REPORTEDLY WORK LONG HOURS PRODUCING CLOTHES, TOYS, AND UMBRELLAS WHICH ARE THEN SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FOR FINAL ASSEMBLY AND ON TO THE U.S.

3. OUR READING OF THE PRISON LABOR MOU (REF A) SUGGESTS THAT GOODS PRODUCED AT THESE CAMPS ARE COVERED UNDER THE TERM "PENAL LABOR." OUR UNDERSTANDING IS BASED ON REF B (DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON A DRAFT TEXT) WHICH STATES THAT THE MOU MUST COVER ALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING REEDUCATION AND REFORM CAMPS. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE THREE

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CAMPS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

4. FOR BEIJING: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. CUSTOMS
REPRESENTATIVE GORMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
SUCH A VISIT. HARTER

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